

OFFICERS FOR 2024 – 2025

Commissioned Officers

Captain Commanding	MAJ Michael A. Fish, Esq.
First Lieutenant	LT John S. Damiano, III
Second Lieutenant	LT Robert V. Collins, Esq.

Elected Commissioned Officers

Quartermaster	LT Gail A. Thomas
Paymaster	LT Jon Sidoti
Commissary Officer	LT Brett P. Henry
Personnel Adjutant & Clerk	COL Henry J. Hogan

Appointed Commissioned Officers

Chief of Staff	CPT George Morrison, P.C.
Adjutant	BG John Driscoll

Elected Non-Commissioned Officers

Sergeants of Infantry

1SGT: MICHAEL DOUGLAS
2SGT: SGT STANLEY CHU
3SGT: SGT PHILIP PRIMITERA
4SGT: SGT JOSEPH HARRIS
5SGT: SGT GEORGE MATTA
6SGT: SGT JAMES STEELE

Sergeants of Artillery

1SGT: CPT MacGREGOR MORGAN
2SGT: SGT STEPHEN ABRAMS
3SGT: SGT MARCUS KENNEDY
4SGT: SGT PAUL Mc MAHON
5SGT: SGT MICHAEL MORRIS
6SGT: SGT MICHAEL NEMETH

A.H.A.C. JUNE DAY ODE 2024 - 2025

- Written by LT Neal Biron

THREE HUNDRED and EIGHTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

ANCIENT AND HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF MASSACHUSETTS

Annual Church Service

1638

2025



Grand Lodge of Masons of Massachusetts

Monday, 2 June 2025
MAJ Michael A. Fish, ESQ
Captain Commanding

Anniversary Sermon
Reverend Matthew Wissell

Anniversary Ode
LT Neal Biron
Author and Reader

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude: A Selected Piece
– WOR Steve Samaria, Organist

Salutation to the Colors*

Invocation*
Reverend Matthew Wissell

Prayer
Elegy of a Veteran
MAJ Michael A. Fish, C.C.

A Reading of The Scripture
Psalm 91
LT Robert Durand

Second Reading
Deuteronomy 20:1 – 4
LT John Mitchell

Third Reading
Celebrating Our Nation
LT Stephen Coan

Reading of the Death Roll*
Adjutant BG John Driscoll

TAPS*
LT Robert G. Bean

Sermon
Reverend Matthew Wissell

Battle Hymn of the Republic
- Howe

Anniversary Ode
LT Neal Biron

National Anthem*

Benediction*
Reverend Matthew Wissell

Postlude: A Selected Piece
WOR Steve Samaria, Organist

* Congregation please stand

DEATH ROLL REPORT 1 June 2024 – 31 May 2025

SGT LOUIS P. PIACENTINI
DIED: 30 MAY 2024
(NOTIFIED 2 JUNE 2024)
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 2006
SERVED: 18 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

MAJ ALBERT J. TONRY
DIED: 7 JUNE 2024
ENROLLED: 16 APRIL 2013
SERVED: 11 YEARS
R.O.D. MEMBER

SGM JAMES W. WEYDT
DIED: 23 JUNE 2024
ENROLLED: 14 MAY 2001
SERVED: 23 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

CPT KEVIN F. JOYCE
DIED: 7 JULY 2024
ENROLLED: 13 JANUARY 2020
SERVED: 4 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT EUGENE P. KELLEY
DIED: 10 JULY 2024
ENROLLED: 10 SEPT 1973
SERVED: 51 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE 50 MEMBER

PVT G. GREGORY WHITE
DIED: 2 AUGUST 2024
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 2017
SERVED: 7 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

MSG GERALD DAVIDSON
DIED: 11 AUGUST 2024
ENROLLED: 9 FEB 1998
SERVED: 26 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

PVT CHARLES BONANNO
DIED: 8 OCTOBER 2024
ENROLLED: 14 FEB 1977
SERVED: 47 YEARS
NON RESIDENT MEMBER

LT ROBERT ENGEL
DIED: 22 OCT 2024
ENROLLED: 13 NOV 2003
SERVED: 21 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT EUGENE PIACENTINI
DIED: 12 NOV 2024
ENROLLED: 3 APRIL 1989
SERVED: 35 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CPT PAUL MORRILL, P.C.
DIED: 7 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 1 MAY 1995
SERVED: 29 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

LT DAVID L. CROSS
DIED: 18 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 18 SEPT 1995
SERVED: 29 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

MSG GERARD KELLY
DIED: 29 DECEMBER 2024
ENROLLED: 8 SEPT 1975
SERVED: 49 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

COL ROBERT MESSINA
DIED: 30 JANUARY 2025
ENROLLED: 6 APRIL 1981
SERVED: 44 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CW3 CHRISTOPHER PEATRIDGE
DIED: 10 FEBRUARY 2025
ENROLLED: 2 AUGUST 1999
SERVED: 25 YEARS
REGULAR MEMBER

LT LAWRENCE KNOWLES
DIED: 23 FEBRUARY 2025
ENROLLED: 14 APRIL 2016
SERVED: 9 YERS
REGULAR MEMBER

CPT JOHN ROCCO
DIED: 21 MARCH 2025
ENROLLED: 20 SEPT 1993
SERVED: 32 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

CPL JAMES SARNI
DIED: 7 MAY 2025
ENROLLED: 19 OCT 1984
SERVED: 41 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

COL RICHARD TEDESCHI
DIED: 18 MAY 2025
ENROLLED: 13 FEB 1989
SERVED: 36 YEARS
SENIOR LIFE MEMBER

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TO THE
ANCIENT AND HONORABLE
ARTILLERY COMPANY
OF
MASSACHUSETTS



MAJ MICHAEL A. FISH, ESQUIRE
316TH CAPTAIN COMMANDING

A.H.A.C. JUNE DAY ODE 2024 - 2025

- *Written by LT Neal F. Biron June 2, 2025*

Ring out O glorious church bells ring,
And sound the clarion call,
For today the Ancients march again
From historic Faneuil Hall.

The bands will play and the troops will march
And the muskets, they will roar,
As we follow the ancient footsteps
Of those who have gone before.

And there upon that common pasture,
In the shadow of the golden dome,
We'll once again inscribe a chapter
In history's eternal tome.

March on O Ancient Company,
March on through decades more,
And bear upon ghostly caissons
The stores of ancient lore.

And though we march 100 strong
Under June's bright warming sun,
A thousand more keep step with us,
Their service centuries done.

For we will never march alone.
We live not for just today,
We'll march on ever mindful
Of comrades who've passed away.

And mindful too of a course that's true
That assures our future years,
With adherence to that trust and duty
That leadership confers.

And that is a duty that befalls us all
Not just a chosen few,
For what is a general without an army,
To see the campaign through?

So gather 'round and cheer the colors
Born by this ancient band,
As we pledge once more our loyal service
To this Company old and grand.